Road in Kunnamkulam.

167. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 156 of the budget session of 1101 :—

(a) whether the opening of the road or lane referred to in the question has been completed; and if not,

(b) at what stage the matter is at present; and if the work has not yet been taken up,

(c) why it has not yet been taken up; and

(d) whether the opening of this road or lane which the Government have admitted to be necessary for the safety of the lives of women and children will receive the earliest attention of the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a), (b), (c), and (d). Vide answer to question No. 167 of the budget session of 1102.

Naduppanthi in Kunnamkulam.

168. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

1. whether 'Naduppanthi' in Kunnamkulam Town is sufficiently wide enough for quick, heavy and safe traffic;

2. how many roads meet there and what is the width of each road excluding drainage;

3. whether a lamp post was ever located at Naduppanthi by the Government, whether that lamp post is still there, and if it is not, why it was removed from there;

4. why the Government have not kept a lamp post at that busy place;

5. whether the authorities of the Arthat-Kunnamkulam Church have not agreed to permit the Government to acquire at a reasonable price a portion of the verandahs of the Church building situated there;

6. whether a copy of the letter received from the Church authorities be placed on the table, and state what action the Government have taken in this matter;

7. whether the whole file relating to the widening of 'Naduppanthi' be placed on the table;

8. whether the necessity of widening 'Naduppanthi' has not been brought to the attention of the Government so early as the first business sitting of this Council and also subsequently by interpellation, etc;

9. whether this matter was not brought to the attention of the Government even before the first budget session by petition or representation;

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10. whether the Town Improvement Committee appointed by the Government have not pointed out that this work should be undertaken by the Government;

11. whether the permission granted by the Church authorities to acquire a portion alone of the verandahs of the Church building will not reduce the cost of widening the roads referred to from what was estimated before;

12. whether it has been brought to the attention of the Government that some of the Members of the Legislative Council who recently went to Kunnamkulam experienced much difficulty to turn their cars at 'Naduppanthi';

13. whether the proposal of widening the roads there is still under the consideration of the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—1. No.

2. Four roads meet at the place. The width of each of the roads is given below:—

Northern bazaar road	12½"
Eastern do	15¼"
Western do	16"
Southern do	17"

3 and 4. There was a lamp post at the Naduppanthi junction. It had to be removed as the carts arriving during night fully loaded dashed against the lamp post and knocked it down. This occurred very often, and as detection was found to be very difficult, the lamp post had to be removed. No inconvenience has till now been brought to notice for want of a lamp post in the place, and so one has not been put up.

5 and 6. The Church authorities wrote a letter to Mr. K. T. Mathew for transmission to the Chief Engineer. Copy of the letter is placed in the Council table. The question was dropped, as the Church was not willing to part with a portion of the verandah, and as the acquisition of the verandah by itself would not solve the problem for which such acquisition was proposed.

7. The Secretariat files on the subject are placed on the Council Secretary's table.

8. Yes.

9. Yes.

10. Yes.

11. Vide answer to question No. 303 of the legislative session of 1101.

12. No.

13. Vide answer to question No. 303 of the legislative session of 1101.

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